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In Re the Application of:

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AND METHOD FOR ITS
PRODUCTION"

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Group Art Unit: 1775

Examiner: Turner, A.

RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>6/2/03</u></p> <p>SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: <u>Christine Jaquet</u></p>
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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated May 6, 2003 (Paper No. 9), the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-6, 8-30, 67 and 69 (Group I) and Claims 7, 68, 31-55, 62-65, 56-61, 70-80, 87-89 and 81-86 (Groups II-VI) were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the claims of Groups II-VI in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

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